Homecoming Celebration

for

Dorothy Anita Gray
"Nita"

Sunrise
June 13, 1949

Sunset
September 4, 2012

Services - Friday, September 14, 2012
2:00 p.m.

Palm Mortuary
1325 North Main Street - Las Vegas, NV 89101

Order of Service

Prelude..... Soft Music

Song..... Eye on the Sparrow
Lauren Hill

Scripture & Prayer..... Nathaniel Whaley

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Obituary.....Sheanna'e Rissworth

Expressions..... (2 minutes please)

Song..... A Song for Mama
Boyz II Men

Eulogy/Poem ..... Teri White

Parting View

Internment

Private

Obituary

Dorothy Anita Gray better known as "Nita" was one of four children born to Albert Reed and Samella Cooper on June 13, 1949 in Martinez, CA.

Nita was outspoken, but kind. In 1975 she met Levi "Smitty" Smith and moved her family from Oakland, CA to North Las Vegas. Being a Jack of all trades, Nita worked as a change girl in the casinos, an occupational therapist for social services and a school bus driver for the Clark County School District.

She leaves to cherish in memory and celebrate her home-coming, her father and stepmother Albert and Lavern Reed of Rodeo, CA. Two brothers; Willie "Sonny" Bryant of Richmond, CA and Richard Reed of Oakland, CA. A sister; Barbara Cunningham of Highlands, CA. Two daughters; Juanita Johnson of Fairfield, CA and Teri White of Las Vegas, NV. One son-in-law; Alan Johnson of Fairfield, CA. Eight grandchildren; Derrick Kent, Miguel White, Aja Johnson, Gabrielle White, Aaron Johnson, Jaycee Hampton, James Hampton and Delilah Spriggs. One great-granddaughter; Nevaeh Kent and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins and close friends.

I'm not ready yet

You taught me to walk, talk, feed myself…
And when the education system said they couldn't
You taught me to read.

You were the strongest person I ever had the pleasure to know.
You taught me I was the spawn of a "Reed Seed"…
Resilient and graceful.. that anywhere I could grow.

Yes you taught me I could survive out of state and on my own…
But still I came home. Because I wasn't ready yet.

You taught me to be ready for the worst, but plan for the best.
I thought I had it down, but now I realize I'm not ready yet

So I take every word you ever said to mind.
As I find myself on a road without you and your tutelage at my back.
Ready to embark into the unknown with my mind and heart open.
Because you also taught me that.

So today instead of goodbye… I say hello. To our new partnership…
The one where you may be gone from my sight,
But never from my heart and mind.

Today I'm ready, to prove like you…
I'm one of a kind.
Ready to face the world with extended family and friends.
To honor your memory and grow.
To be the strong person you always saw within.

Today I am ready

Your devoted daughter,

- Teri

Acknowledgement

The family of Dorothy Anita Gray wishes to express our sincere thanks for your expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

The Family